H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the Markets and Warehouse Department and the Weights and Measures Department and conferring all the authority, powers, duties, functions, rights and liabilities of the Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses and of said Markets and Warehouses house Department and Weights and Measures Department upon the Commissioner of Agriculture; abolishing the board, consisting of the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking. created by Chapter 5, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirtythird Legislature, and vesting the powers and duties of said board in the Commissioner of Agriculture; conferring the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, relative to warehouses, upon the Commissioner of Agriculture, except such as are conferred by Chapter 3, General Laws, Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature; conferring power and authority upon the Commissioner of Agriculture to administer the provisions of Chapter 5, General Laws, Second Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 41, General Laws First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, or so much of said statutes as are in force; transferring the appropriations of the Markets and Warehouse Department and the Weights and Measures Department to the Commissioner of Agriculture, and declaring an emergency,

And find the same correctly engrossed. SNEED, Chairman.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

(Thursday, February 17, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams. Beavens. Binkley. Aiken. Baldwin. Black, O. B., of Bexar. Barker. Barrett of Bell. Black, W. A., Barrett of Fannin. of Bexar. Bonham. Bass. Beasley Brady. of Hopkins. Branch. Beasley Brown. of McCulloch. Bryant.

Burmeister. Miller of Parker. Burns. Morgan. Moore. Carpenter. Childers. Morris of Medina. Morris Coffee. Cox. of Montague. Crawford. Mott. Crumpton. Neblett. Cummins. Owen. Curtis. Patman. Davis, John E., Perkins of Dallas. of Cherokee. Perry. Davis, John, of Dallas. Pollard. Dinkle. Pool. Duffey. Pope. Duncan. Quaid. Edwards. Quicksall. Estes. Quinn. Faubion. Rice. Fly. Rogers of Harris. Fugler. Rogers of Shelby. Garrett. Rosser. Greer. Rountree. Hall. Rowland. Hanna. Satterwhite. Schweppe. Hardin. Harrison. Shearer. Henderson Sims. of McLennan. Smith. Henderson Sneed. of Marion. Stephens. Hendricks. Stevenson. Hill. Stewart of Edwards. Horton. Johnson of Ellis. Stewart of Reeves. Sweet of Brown. Sweet of Tarrant. Johnson of Wichita. Jones. Thomas Kacir. of Limestone. Kellis. Thomason. King. Thompson Kveton. of Harris. Laird. Thompson Lauderdale. of Red River. Thorn. Lawrence. Lindsey. Thrasher. Looney. Veatch. McDaniel. Wadley. McFarlane. Walker. McKean. Wallace. McLeod. Webb. Wessels. Malone. West. Martin. Marshall. Westbrook. Mathes. Williams Melson. of McLennan. Menking. Williams Merriman. of Montgomery.

Absent.

Lackey.
Laney.

Miller of Dallas.

Absent-Excused.

Baker. Burkett. Chitwood. Darroch. Grissom. Harrington. Johnson of Gillespie. Leslie.

McCord.

Perkins of Lamar. Seagler. Swann. Teer. Wright.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Lewis Grafton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Austin.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Wright for today, on motion of Mr. McDaniel.

Mr. Burkett for this week, on motion of Mr. Cox.

Mr. Baker for this week, on motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River.

Mr. Grissom for today, on motion of Mr. Greer.

Mr. Lackey for today on motion of Mr. Rountree, on account of sickness.

Mr. Harrington was excused today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Stephens, on account of sickness.

Mr. Swann was excused today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Greer, on account of sickness.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Mathes and Mr. Satterwhite:

H. B. No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit owners of private survey or grant of land that contains an area in excess of the amount authorized by virtue of the right under which the claim, patent or title to the land was obtained, to purchase such excess from the State and appropriating the proceeds to the available University funds to be used for the erection of buildings, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Horton, Mr. Walker, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 478 A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a State School of Correspondence at Austin, Texas; to provide all courses of study by correspondence that supply the need of Texas people; to provide for the appointment of an executive board for

their duties, and provide for the salaries of members of said faculty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Marshall:

H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 161 of Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas."

Referred to Committee on State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Rountree, Mr. Miller of Dallas, Mr. Kellis, Mr. Jones and Mr. Lackey:

H. B. No. 480, A bill to be entitled "An Act making privileged all communications and information received by a newspaper man in the course of his employment or business; defining the term 'newspaper man,' and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Baldwin (by request):

H. B. No, 481. A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing Briscoe county, Texas, or any political subdivision or defined district thereof, to issue road bonds under the provision of the general law; validating bond election heretofore held in certain defined political subdivisions in said county; providing for the validation of all proceedings and orders heretofore or hereafter made by the commissioners court of said county in the establishment of a road district where the territory embraced therein overlapped the territory embraced within the boundaries of another district theretofore formed, and validating all proceedings, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Sims:

H. B. No. 482, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining stockyards engaged in holding livestock received from transportation lines pending their sale to purchasers; declaring all corporations, persons, partnerships or associations of persons now engaged or to hereafter engage in holding and feeding livestock received from railroads and transportation companies or otherwise, pending their sale to packing houses or to the purchasers, as public utilities, and making them subject to the provisions of this act; giving the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to regulate the rate of yardage and the price charged by such stockyards for feed; and providing against same, and prescribe for the appointment discrimination in favor of or against inof members of the faculty, prescribing dividuals, associations or persons or cor-

porations in the conduct of their business; empowering said commission to make rules and regulations for their conduct and to fix the charges made by them for service rendered, and giving said commission plenary power to make rules and regulations for the control of such stockyards and power to enforce their rules and regulations and the provisions of this act; fixing penalties for violation of this act or the rules and orders of said commission; making such violations a criminal offense and fixing the penalty therefor and providing means for the recovery of such penalties as are not made criminal, either by the State of Texas or the party aggrieved by such violation, and naming the tribunal in which such recovery may be had; providing for the employment of an expert to assist the commission, fixing his salary and making an appropriation therefor and providing for a tax to provide a fund for such expenses; making this act cumulative, and providing that the invalidity of any part of this act shall not invalidate the remaining parts hereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Live Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. John Davis of Dallas:

H. B. No. 483, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining and declaring certain properties and businesses public utilities and subjecting same to the power and jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas to control, regulate and to enact rules, regulations, orders, decisions, for the government and conduct of the business of the same, and requiring of said utilities compliance with the same, and efficient, sufficient, and adequate service; requiring charges of said utilities subject to this act for their services or commodities to be just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory, and providing for the reimbursement of charges collected in excess of permitted or reasonable charges to persons entitled thereto and for escheat of unclaimed amounts to the State; requiring the filing of reports and schedules, conferring on said commission the power to prescribe methods of accounts, to valuate the properties, to require the maintenance of a proper reserve for depreciation or replacement, to determine the rates, charges, returns, and practices of said utilities upon application or its own initiative, to require improvements and extensions, to require joint or connected service and to apportion the returns and expenses thereof; prohibiting discrimination in mon Carriers.

rates, charges, or compensations received by said utilities with certain exceptions; requiring certificates of convenience or necessity or previous approval to be obtained from said commission in certain cases for the construction, enlargement, purchase, lease, sale, operation agencies of said utilities and competing utilities; requiring bonds of said utilities in certain cases for the protection of their patrons and the public; providing for public hearings and re-hearings and the notice and conduct thereof in all matters before the commission arising under this act, and conferring powers on the commission with relation thereto; authorizing the patrons of a utility to file complaints with the commission; providing for judicial review of acts, orders, decisions of the said commission and the conduct thereof and of appeals; providing for the enforcement of the commission's orders, rules, regulations, and the provisions of this act by mandamus, injunction, mandatory injunction, and receivership and penalties for the violation of same, and conferring jurisdiction on the district courts and providing for appeals in such cases; requiring utilities subject to this act to maintain offices and keep records within certain counties; requiring said utilities and their officers, agents and employes to obey the orders of the commission or commissioners, and providing penalties for violation of same and for the enforcement thereof; requiring reports of annual income and levying a tax on the gross incomes of said utilities; creating 'Telegraph and Telephone Utilities Fund,' and appropriating seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) until such fund becomes available and sufficient; making appropriations for the salaries of the commissioners and authorizing the commission to employ a solicitor and other assistants and directing the State Treasurer to make dis-bursements for the payment of salaries and expenses approved by the commission; fixing fees to be collected by the commission and fees of sheriffs and constables and witnesses and authorizing process to secure attendance of witnesses and requiring testimony and evidence to be produced; retaining certain powers and emoluments of the Railroad Commissioners under other act; providing that a majority of the commissioners constitute a quorum; repealing acts inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to the Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Stewart of Edwards:

H. B. No. 484, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Vance Independent School District in Edwards and Real counties, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Stewart of Edwards:

H. B. No. 485, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hackberry Independent School District in Edwards and Real counties, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts, and the board of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 486, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of the Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, Third Called Session, General Laws, Chapter 14, being an act relating to gas utilities, approved June 12, 1920, so as to make the services of the pipe line expert and his deputy supervisors available to the Railroad Commission; fixing the compensation for such service; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Oil, Gas and Mining.

By Mr. Martin:

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 60 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, as amended by Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, 1919, commonly known as the tick eradication law."

Referred to Committee on Live Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Sims:

H. B. No. 488, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 632 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State, 1911 compilation."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Cox:

H. B. No. 489, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 984 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 so as to remove limitation of thirty-five thousand population provided for in said statute, and following the benefit thereof to the inhabitants of all incorporated cities and towns."

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Baldwin:

II. B. No. 490, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the attempted incorporation of all cities, towns or villages operating under the provisions of Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1911, and amendment thereto, and validating the attempted acceptance by incorporated towns or villages of the provisions of the law with respect to cities and towns under said title, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal

and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 491. A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Three Rivers In-dependent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; providing its bounda-ries; providing for the annexation of territory; providing that the present board of trustees may continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms; validating bond and tax elections hereinbefore held; placing the said district and trustees under the general law governing independent school districts; placing the district under the direct supervision of the State Superintendent and State Board of Education; authorizing the trustees to select its officers, including its depository; delegating certain powers to these officials; providing for the custody of the funds and school property of the present district; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Binkley:

H. B. No. 492, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 7 and 11 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, creating a road system for Jack county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Webb:

H. B. No. 493, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Penal Code of the State of

Texas of 1911, by adding thereto other articles to be known and designated as Articles 1021a, 1021b, 1021c, 1021d and 1021e, relating to the protection of farmers in contracts or agreements made by them pertaining to the cultivating and renting of farm lands; creating offenses for inducing or attempting to induce farm laborers and renters to abandon their contracts before or without completing or complying with same, prescribing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Binkley:

H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 187, Acts of 1917 and cut (Sec.) 60, Chapter 73, Acts of 1919, Second Called Session; providing what devices may not be used for fishing in this State, and exempting certain counties."

Referred to Committee on Game and

Fisheries.

By Mr. Melson, Mr. Beasley of Hopkins, Mr. Dinkle and Mr. Moore:

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix salary of the court reporter of the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas and to allow said reporter three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum for traveling expenses, supplies, etc., incident to the performance of the official duties of said official court reporter in addition to the compensation for transcript fees as provided by law, and to provide for the monthly payment to said official court reporter of the amount named as salary and expenses by each county paying its pro rata portion of said salary and expenses, according to the number of weeks which court may be held in said counties, respectively."

Referred to Committee on Judicial

Districts.

By Mr. Neblett:

H. B. No. 496, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate grant of land made by the crown of Spain to the original grantees and their heirs and assigns of Porciones Nos. 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 47, 48, 53, 57 and 58, lying and being situated in Webb county, Texas, and to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to the original grantees, their heirs or assignees to said Porciones, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public

Lands.

By Mr. Greer:

H. B. No. 497, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for a period of five years to hunt or kill quail in Henderson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and

Fisheries.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution was laid before the House, read first timee, and referred to the appropriate

committee, as follows:

By Mr. Patman, Mr. Marshall, Mr.
Cox, Mr. Sims and Mr. Henderson of

Marion:

H. J. R. No. 24, Relating to the amending of Article 3, Section 26, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that no county shall have more than four Representatives in the State Legislature.

Referred to Committee on Constitu-

tional Amendments.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 124, to the Judiciary

Committee.

Senate bill No. 82, to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 119, to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

Senate bill No. 214, to the Committee on Education.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Thomason, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 160 and 184 and House bills Nos. 235, 236, 237 and 239 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Morris of Medina, it was ordered that House bill No. 452

be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Estes, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 152 be not printed.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River, it was ordered that House bill No. 403, with majority adverse and minority favorable report, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Harrison, it was ordered that House bill No. 305, with majority adverse and minority favor-

able report, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crumpton, it was ordered that House bill No. 423, with majority adverse and minority favorable report, be printed.
On motion of Mr. Horton, it was or-

dered that House bill No. 442, with majority adverse and minority favorable report, be printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Malone called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners courts of Texas to fix the compensation of the tax assessors of their respective counties for assessing and making the tax rolls of that part of any improvement district lying within the city limits of cities having a population of more than 75,000 inhabitants, at a sum not to exceed the amount allowed by general law for like services in assessing State and county taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and the Senate amendments were

On motion of Mr. Malone, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Jones called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1173, Chapter 4, Title 15, and Article 1142, Chapter 3, Title 15, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the fees allowed sheriffs or other peace officers performing the same services in misdemeanor cases to be taxable against the defendant on conviction, and the allowance to sheriffs by the commissioners court of the several counties in this State for the safekeeping, support and maintenance of prisoners in jail, or under guard, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and the Senate amendments were

On motion of Mr. Jones, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

BILLS RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Thomason, Senate bill No. 121 and House bill No. 353 were recommitted to the Committee on Education.

RELATING TO CONDITIONS IN IRELAND.

Mr. Hardin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Miss Mary McSwinney is now making a tour of the United States;

Whereas, The purpose of said Miss McSwinney is to enlist the support of the American people in the fight to make Ireland independent of the British Empire; and

Whereas, The clan to which Miss Mc-Swinney belongs is and has been engaged in insurrection against the government of Great Britain, and secretly aided the cause of the enemy of the allies during

the great war; and

Whereas, The governments of the allied nations should, at this time of all times, stand together in mutual respect and support in the maintenance of law and order throughout the world; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That it is the sense and sentiment of its members that the governmental relations between Ireland and the empire of Great Britain are not a matter of concern to the United States, and that out of respect to the government of our great ally, the effort of the said Miss McSwinney to enlist the aid of our citizens in keeping alive the insurrection against the British government, should not be countenanced nor looked upon with favor by the American people.

The resolution was read second time. On motion of Mr. Laird, the resolution was tabled.

RELATING TO CEMENT FACTORY.

Mr. Beasley of Hopkins offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There is a widespread demand for cement to be used in the construction of public roads, bridges and culverts; and

Whereas, Both the scarcity and the cost of cement has seriously hindered the construction of improved highways in this State; and

Whereas, The State owns idle machinery on one prison farm to the amount of at least \$350,000 and it is believed that there is much other idle machinery on other prison farms, that could, in all probability be utilized in the manufacture of cement: and

Whereas, Ample convict labor is available for the construction and operation of a cement factory; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Representa-

tives, That a committee of five be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from the membership of the House to fully investigate the advisability of a State owned cement factory; to ascertain what engines, boilers, and other machinery or equipment owned by the State could be utilized in the manufacture of cement; to inspect the various deposits of available raw material in Texas; to obtain an esti-mate on the cost of constructing and equipping a cement factory, using machinery and equipment now owned by the State.

That the expenses incurred by the members of said committee, including their hotel bills, board and transportation as well as all other necessary and proper expenses, be paid out of the contingent funds of the Thirty-seventh Legislature.

That said committee make its report of such investigation and its recommendations based thereon to this Legislature, if in session, and if not in session, then to the Governor of the State of Texas as soon as possible after the completion of such investigation.

Signed—Beasley of Hopkins, Rogers of

Shelby, Beavens.

The resolution was read second time. Mr. Westbrook moved the previous question on the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question recurring on the resolution,

it was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber. Austin, Texas, February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted simple resolution No. 51, recalling Senate bill No. 70 for further consideration.

Respectfully,
A. W. HOLT, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the request of the Senate for the return to the Senate of Senate bill No. 70 for further conmideration was granted.

SENATE BILL NO. 134 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. O. B. Black of Bexar, manimous consent, the regular order imsiness was suspended to take up | Hanna.

and have placed on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating, establishing and providing for the maintenance of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for ex-service men, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was

passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 134 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Jones moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 134 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the follow-

ing vote:

Yeas-112.

Adams. Hardin. Aiken. Harrison. Baldwin. Henderson Barker. of McLennan. Barrett of Bell. Henderson Barrett of Fannin. of Marion. Hill. Rass. Beasley Horton. of Hopkins. Johnson of Ellis. Beasley Johnson of McCulloch. of Wichita. Beavens. Jones. Binkley. Kacir. Black, O. B., Kellis. King. of Bexar. Bonham. Kveton. Branch. Laird. Brown. Lauderdale. Bryant. Lawrence. Burmeister. Lindsev. Burns. McDaniel. McFarlane. Carpenter. Childers. McKean. Coffee. McLeod. Cox. Malone. Crumpton. Martin. Cummins. Marshall. Curtis. Mathes. Davis, John E., Melson. of Dallas. Merriman. Miller of Parker. Davis, John, of Dallas. Morgan. Dinkle. Morris of Medina. Morris Duffey. of Montague. Duncan. Mott. Edwards. Estes. Neblett. Faubion. Owen. Fly. Patman. Perkins Fugler. of Cherokee. Garrett. Perry. Greer. Hall. Pollard. Pool.

Sweet of Tarrant. Pone. Thomas Quaid. Quicksall. of Limestone. Thompson Quinn. of Harris. Rice. Rogers of Harris. Thompson Rogers of Shelby. of Red River. Rosser. Thorn. Rountree. Thrasher. Rowland. Veatch. Satterwhite. Wadlev. Shearer. Walker. Sims. Wallace. Smith. Webb. Sneed. Wessels. Stephens. Westbrook. Williams Stevenson. of McLennan. Stewart of Edwards. Williams Stewart of Reeves. of Montgomery. Sweet of Brown.

Absent.

Black, W. A., of Bexar. Miller of Dallas. Crawford. Moore. Hendricks. Schweppe. Lackey. Thomason. Laney. Looney. West.

Absent—Excused.

Leslie. Baker. Brady. McCord. Burkett. Perkins of Lamar. Chitwood. Seagler. Darroch. Swann. Grissom. Teer. Harrington. Wright. Johnson of Gillespie.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 134 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

.The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed? The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-110.

Adams. Branch. Aiken. Brown. Baldwin. Bryant. Barker. Burmeister. Barrett of Bell. Burns. Barrett of Fannin. Carpenter. Childers. Beasley Cox. of Hopkins. Crumpton. Beasley Cummins. of McCulloch. Curtis. Davis, John E., Beavens. of Dallas. Binkley. Black, O. B., of Bexar. Davis, John, of Dallas. Bonham. Dinkle.

Duffey. Patman. Duncan. Perkins Edwards. of Cherokee. Estes. Perry. Faubion. Pollard. Pool. Fly. Fugler. Pope. Quaid. Greer. Quicksall. Hall. Quinn. Hanna. Rice. Hardin. Rogers of Harris. Harrison. Rogers of Shelby. Henderson of McLennan. Rosser. Rountree. Henderson of Marion. Rowland. Satterwhite. Hill. Horton. Shearer. Johnson Sims. of Wichita. Smith. Sneed. Jones. Stephens. Kacir. Stevenson. Kellis. King. Stewart of Edwards. Kveton. Stewart of Reeves. Laird. Sweet of Brown. Lauderdale. Sweet of Tarrant. Lawrence. Lindsey. Thomas of Limestone. Looney. McDaniel. Thomason. Thompson McFarlane. McKean. of Harris. Thompson McLeod. of Red River. Malone. Martin. Thorn. Thrasher. Marshall. Mathes. Veatch. ${f Wadlev}.$ Melson. Walker. Merriman. Wallace. Miller of Parker. Webb. Morgan. Westbrook. Morris of Medina. Williams Morris of McLennan. of Montague. Neblett. Williams of Montgomery Owen.

Present-Not Voting.

Wessels.

Absent.

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Black, W. A., of Bexar. Coffee. Crawford. Garrett. Hendricks. Johnson of Ellis. Lackey. Absent-	Laney. Menking. Miller of Dallas. Moore. Mott. Schweppe. West. —Excused.
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Darroch. Leslie.

Swann. McCord. Teer. Perkins of Lamar. Wright. Seagler.

SENATE BILL NO. 128 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Melson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second read-

ing and passage to third reading, S. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act abolishing the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner of this State, and conferring the authority, powers, duties, functions, rights and liabilities of said commissioner upon the State Health Officer of the State; abolishing the Dairy and Food Department of this State and providing that the duties and functions of said department shall hereafter vest in the State Health Officer of this State, making available to the State Health Officer all appropriations heretofore made for the Dairy and Food Commissioner or the Dairy and Food Department, or the Pure Food and Drug Department of this State, to be used by said State Health Officer in the performance and exercise of the duties, authority, powers and functions herein transferred; authorizing the Health Officer to dispense with any employe not needed after the consolidation herein authorized, and rearrange the work and duties of the office to avoid duplication of work, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 421 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 421, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain eleemosynary institutions of the State, and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them for the two fiscal years beginning September 1, 1922, and ending August 31, 1923, as follows, towit: State Orphan Home, Confederate Woman's Home, Confederate Home, Epileptic Colony, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths; State Institution for the Training of Juveniles, Girls' Training School, Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Carlsbad, State Lunatic Asylum, State Pasteur Institute, Southwestern Insane Asylum, North Texas Hospital Mr. Smith offered amendment to the bill:

for Insane, State Hospital for Crippled Children, State Farm Colony for Feeble-Minded, State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the House agreed to consider the bill section by section.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Morris of Medina, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 421 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 421, making appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State eleemosynary institutions, on its passage to engrossment, the House having agreed to consider the bill section by section.

Mr. Cox moved to reconsider the vote by which the House agreed to consider the bill section by section.

Mr. Smith moved to table the motion to reconsider and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

Mr. Curtis then moved to table the pending motion of Mr. Smith to consider the bill section by section.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 421, page 1, lines 9 and 25, by striking out the figures "1922" where they appear and insert in lieu thereof the figures "1921."

Signed—Satterwhite, Quaid.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 421 by striking out lines 34 and 35, page 43, and the amount to be appropriated for each year, and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "For two supervisors or supervisoresses, \$720.00 each, \$1,440.00 for each year."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith offered the following

Amend House bill No. 421, page 1, line 35, changing "\$2,000" to "\$2,500," in both columns.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Smith offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 421, page 1, line 36, changing "\$900" to "\$1,000," in both columns.

On motion of Mr. Cummins, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Johnson of Wichita offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 421, page 8, line 13, by changing "\$1,000" to "\$2,500," in both columns.

Mr. Quaid moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost. Question recurring on the amendment.

it was lost.

House bill No. 421 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 421 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Satterwhite moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 421 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-106.

Adams. Davis, John, Aiken. of Dallas. Baldwin. Dinkle. Duffey. Barker. Barrett of Bell. Duncan. Barrett of Fannin. Edwards. Bass. Estes. Beasley Faubion. Fly. of Hopkins. Fugler. Beasley of McCulloch. Garrett. Binkley. Greer. Black, O. B., Hanna. of Bexar. Hardin. Bonham. Harrison. Branch. Henderson of McLennan. Brown. Henderson Bryant. of Marion. Burmeister. Hendricks. Burns. Carpenter. Johnson Childers. of Wichita. Kacir. Chitwood. Coffee. Kellis. Cox. Lackey. Crumpton. Laird. Cummins. Lauderdale. Lawrence. Curtis. Davis, John E., Lindsev. of Dallas. Looney.

McDaniel. Rountree. McFarlane. Rowland. McKean. Satterwhite. McLeod. Shearer. Marshall. Sims. Mathes. Smith. Melson. Sneed. Menking. Stephens. Merriman. Stevenson. Stewart of Reeves. Miller of Dallas. Sweet of Tarrant. Miller of Parker. Moore. Thomas Morris of Medina. of Limestone. Thomason. Morris Thompson of Montague. Mott. of Harris. Neblett. Thompson of Red River. Owen. Patman. Thorn. Thrasher. Perkins of Cherokee. Veatch. Perry. Wadley. Walker. Pollard. Wallace. Pool. Webb. Pope. West. Quaid. Quicksall. Westbrook. Williams Quinn. Řice. of McLennan. Williams Rogers of Harris. Rogers of Shelby. of Montgomery. Rosser.

Present-Not Voting.

Martin.

Absent.

Beavens. Kveton. Black, W. A., Laney. of Bexar. Malone. Hall. Morgan. Hill. Schweppe. Horton. Stewart Johnson of Ellis. of Edwards. Sweet of Brown. Jones. King. Wessels.

Absent-Excused.

Leslie. Baker. McCord. Brady. Perkins of Lamar. Burkett. Crawford. Seagler. Darroch. Swann. Grissom. Teer. Harrington. Wright. Johnson of Gillespie.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 421 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 128 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Melson moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 128 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following

Yeas-114.

Adams. Laird. Lauderdale. Aiken. Baldwin. Lawrence. Barker. Lindsey. Barrett of Bell. Looney. Barrett of Fannin. McDaniel. McFarlane. Rass McKean. Beasley McLeod. of Hopkins. Beasley Martin. of McCulloch. Marshall. Mathes. Beavens. Binkley. Melson. Black, O. B., Merriman. Miller of Dallas. of Bexar. Bonham. Morgan. Branch. Moore. Morris of Medina. Brown. Morris Bryant. of Montague. Burmeister. Burns. Mott. Carpenter. Neblett. Childers. Owen. Coffee. Patman. Cox. Perkins Crawford. of Cherokee. Perry. Crumpton. Cummins. Pollard. Pool. Curtis. Davis, John E., Pope. Quaid. of Dallas. Davis, John, of Dallas. Quicksall. Quinn. Řice. Dinkle. Duffey. Rogers of Harris. Duncan. Rogers of Shelby. Edwards. Rosser. Estes. Rountree. Faubion. Rowland. Fly. Satterwhite. Fugler. Shearer. Garrett. Sims. Greer. Smith. Hanna. Sneed. Hardin. Stephens. Henderson Stevenson. of McLennan. Stewart Henderson of Edwards. of Marion. Stewart of Reeves. Sweet of Brown. Hendricks. Hill. Sweet of Tarrant. Johnson of Ellis. Thomas Johnson of Limestone. Thomason. of Wichita. Jones. Thompson Kacir. of Harris. Kellis. Thompson King. of Red River.

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Thrasher. West. Veatch. Westbrook. Wadley. Williams Walker. of McLennan. Williams Wallace. Webb. of Montgomery Wessels. Present-Not Voting. Black, W. A., of Bexar. Absent.

Hall. Malone. Menking. Harrison. Horton. Miller of Parker. Kveton. Schweppe. Laney.

Absent—Excused.

Baker. Leslie Brady. McCord. Burkett. Perkins of Lamar. Chitwood. Seagler. Darroch. Swann. Grissom. Teer. Harrington. Wright. Johnson of Gillespie.

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 128 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed? The Clerk was directed to call the roll

and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-107.

Adams. Davis, John E. Aiken. of Dallas. Baldwin. Davis, John, Barker. of Dallas. Barrett of Bell. Dinkle. Duffey. Barrett of Fannin. Beasley Duncan. of Hopkins. Edwards. Beasley Estes. of McCulloch. Faubion. Beavens. Fly. Binkley. Fugler. Black, O. B., of Bexar. Garrett. Greer. Black, W. A., Hanna. of Bexar. Hardin. Brown. Harrison. Bryant. Henderson Burmeister. of McLennan. Burns. Henderson Carpenter. of Marion. Childers. Hendricks. Coffee. Hill. Cox. Johnson Crawford. of Wichita. Crumpton. Jones. Cummins. Kacir. Curtis. Kellis.

Laird. Rountree. Lauderdale. Rowland. Lawrence. Satterwhite. Lindsey. Shearer. Looney. Sims. McDaniel. Smith. McFarlane. Sneed. McKean. Stephens. Stevenson. McLeod. Martin. Stewart of Edwards. Marshall. Mathes. Stewart of Reeves. Sweet of Brown. Melson. Sweet of Tarrant. Menking. Merriman. Thomas. of Limestone. Moore. Thomason. Morris of Medina. Thompson Morris of Harris. of Montague. Thompson Mott. of Red River. Neblett. Owen. Thorn. Thrasher. Patman. Veatch. Perkins of Cherokee. Wadley. Perry. Walker. Pollard. Wallace. Webb. Pope. Quaid. Wessels. West. Quicksall. Westbrook. Rice. Rogers of Harris. Williams Rogers of Shelby. of Montgomery.

Present-Not Voting.

Bass.

Absent.

Malone. Bonham. Miller of Dallas. Branch. Burkett. Miller of Parker. Morgan. Chitwood. Hall. Pool. Horton. Quinn. Rosser. Johnson of Ellis. Schweppe. King. Kveton. Williams of McLennan. Lackey. Laney.

Absent—Excused.

Leslie. Baker. Brady. McCord. Perkins of Lamar. Darroch. Seagler. Grissom. Swann. Harrington. Johnson Teer. of Gillespie. Wright.

RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following resolution: H. C. R. No. 26:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh

Legislature adjourn sine die March 12, 1921, at 12 o'clock noon.

Signed-Miller of Dallas, Pool.

The resolution was read second time. On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 45 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 7380, Title 126. Chapter 2. Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, providing for the payment of an occupation tax by individuals, companies, corporations and associations in this State selling pistols, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Burns raised a point of order on consideration of the bill on the ground that a similar bill was defeated in the committee.

The Speaker overruled the point of

Question—Shall the bill be passed? Mr. Owen raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time on the ground that the time for consideration of local bills has arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1921. Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed to the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has requested the House to return Senate bill No. 119 for further consideration.

Respectfully,

A. W. HOLT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 ON ENGROSS-MENT.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House heretofore refused to pass House bill No. 93 to engrossment, which motion to reconsider was spread on the Journal and due notice given that the motion to reconsider would be called up for consideration today.

Question recurring on the motion to reconsider it prevailed.

House, on its passage to engrossment, of Fred Wilken's 3 H. B. No. 93, A bill to be entitled Silas Jones league; "An Act creating the LaGrange Independent School District in Fayette county, Texas; denning its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; providing that the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms and their successors shall have been elected and qualified as provided by general law; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore voted upon the territory hereby incorporated as the LaGrange Independent School District shall remain in full force and effect; providing for the repeal of Chapter 2 of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and declaring an emergency.'

Question-Shall the bill be passed to engrossment?

Mr. Owen offered the following amend-

ment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 93 by striking out all after the enacting clause

and substituting the following:

Section 1. That the LaGrange Independent School District in Fayette county, Texas, is hereby created and established, and includes within its limits the following described territory, as shown by the following metes and bounds, towit:

Beginning at the north corner of the J. H. Moore one-half league;

Thence south 45 degrees east 1900

varas to the east corner thereof;

Thence north 45 degrees east 20 varas to the north corner of Mrs. Louise Tiemann's 136-acre tract on the John Eblin league;

Thence south 45 degrees 2658 varas to the east corner of 136-acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees east with the southeast line of the John Eblin league 75 varas to the north corner of 44-acre tract on the E. Savage league heretofore conveyed by R. Schulze's heirs to Chas. Michael;

Thence south 45 degrees east 1690 varas to Rocky Creek;

Thence down Rocky Creek to the east margin of the Colorado River;

Thence across the Colorado River to western margin;

The Speaker then laid before the its western margin to the north corner of Fred Wilken's 305-acre tract on the

> Thence south 45 degrees west 1078 varas to a corner of said 305 acres; Thence south 45 degrees east 430 varas;

> Thence south 59 degrees east 270 varas;

> Thence south 45 degrees west 172 varas;

> Thence south 45 degrees east 341 varas;

> Thence south 45 degrees west 165 varas to another corner of said 305acre tract;

> Thence south 45 degrees east 300 varas to the south corner of Frank Hausmann's 112-acre tract on the S. Jones league;

> Thence north 45 degrees east 134 varas to the west corner of Jos. Gleckler's 98 1-2 acre tract on the A. Powell league;

> Thence south 45 degrees east 1015 varas to the north corner of Tom Shel-

on's 60-acre tract;

Thence south 455 degrees west 767 varas to the west corner thereof;

Thence south 45 degrees east 442 varas to the south corner thereof;

Thence south 445 degrees west 400 varas to the east corner of Gus Munke's 68-acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees west 530 varas to the north corner of said 68acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west 726 varas to the west corner thereof;

Thence north 45 degrees west 921 varas to the west corner of Virginia Faison's 220-acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west with the line between the Anna Powell and Silas Jones 2250 varas to the south corner of Jos. Gleckler's 150-acre tract:

Thence north 45 degrees west 2815 varas to the north corner of Aug. Hausmann's 100-acre tract on the S. Jones league;

Thence north 45 degrees east with the southeast line of the David Berry league 372 varas to the east corner of Wm. Lueders' 57 1-2 acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees west 378 varas to the north corner of said 57 1-2 acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west 860 varas to the west corner thereof;

Thence north 45 degrees west 374 varas to the west corner of Chris. F. Munke's 64-acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west 440 Extende up the Colorado River along varas to the south corner of a 110-acre

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tract formerly owned by Mrs. Alvina Helmcamp;

Thence north 45 degrees west 455 varas to the west corner of said 110acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees east 910 varas to the east corner of Louis Hausmann's 205-acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees west 391 varas;

Thence north 45 degrees east 140 varas:

Thence north 45 degrees west 310 varas to Buckner's Creek;

Thence up Buckner's Creek to the southeast line of the John Castleman league;

Thence south 45 degrees west with the southeast line of the J. Castleman league 500 varas to the south corner of the Annie Richards' 297-acre tract;

Thence north 21 degrees west 420 acres. varas to Buckner's Creek;

Thence down Buckner's Creek in an eastern direction to the south corner of Hy. Rainosek's 62-acre tract;

Thence north 23 degrees west 1378 varas to the west corner of said 29,acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west 70 varas to the south corner of J. F. Taylor's 100-acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees west 530 varas to the west corner of said J. F. Taylor's 100-acre tract;

Thence south 45 degrees west 480 varas to the south corner of 260 acres owned by the estate of Jos. Wildner, deceased;

Thence north 45 degrees west 1880 varas to the west corner of said 260acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees east with the southeast line of the W. H. Taylor league 2530 varas to the south corner of the Mary E. Manton 200-acre tract;

Thence north 45 degrees west 880 varas to Hill's branch;

Thence down Hill's branch in a north and eastern direction about 800 varas to the west margin of the Colorado River;

Thence across the Colorado River to its eastern bank;

Thence along the east bank or margin of the Colorado River in an eastern direction to the mouth of Jordan's Creek on the Wm. Rabb three-league

Thence up Jordan's Creek to the mouth of Smalley's branch;

north corner of Ishmael Anderson's 84acre tract;

Thence south 56 degrees east 559 varas to the east corner of said Ishmael Anderson's 84-acre tract;

Thence south 47 degrees east 1300 varas to the north corner of the W. M. Eastland labor;

Thence south 45 degrees east 362 varas to another corner of said labor;

Thence south 45 degrees east 1000 varas to the east corner of Sidney Brown's 50-acre tract on the James Green labor;

Thence north 45 degrees east 300 varas to the place of beginning, embracing within said limits the following surveys and parts of surveys, viz:

Wm. Rabb three leagues, 423 acres. Fayette county school land, 470 acres. W. M. Eastland labor, 177 acres. James Green labor, 128 acres.

W. H. Carson one-fourth league, 1298

J. H. Moore one-half league, 2533 acres.

John Eblin league, 2765 acres. E. Savage league, 1252 acres.W. H. Taylor league, 803 acres. John Castleman league, 2601 acres. David Berry league, 1114 acres. Silas Jones league, 2195 acres. Anna Powell league, 361 acres, making a total area of 16,120 acres, or 25.2 square miles, all in Rayette county.

Sec. 2. The title to all of the properties belonging to any and all public schools within the above described territory and district hereby created and to all property held in trust by any person or persons for the use and benefit of any and all of such schools is hereby divested from and out of such schools, districts and persons, and vested in the LaGrange Independent School District hereby created and its board of trustees and successors; and said La Grange Independent School District shall be liable for and pay all indebtedness owing by the said schools included within the district hereby created, and shall carry out all of their contracts.

Sec. 3. The management and control of the public free schools within the district hereby created is hereby, to the exclusion of every other authority except the supervisory control of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education, vested in a board of trustees, which shall be composed of seven persons, res-Thence up Smalley's branch to the ident citizens and qualified voters within said district. The board of trustees heretofore elected and now serving for

LaGrange Independent School District, created by Chapter 2, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Third Called Session, and as now existing, are hereby continued in office for the LaGrange Independent School District hereby created until their respective terms shall have expired and their successors shall have been elected and qualified as provided under the general laws of this State.

The said LaGrange Inde-Sec. 4. pendent School District, hereby created, shall have and exercise, and is hereby vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of this State for free school purposes only, and the board of trustees for the said LaGrange Independent School District shall have and exercise and is hereby vested and charged with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon the trustees of independent school districts created and organized for free school purposes only, under the general statutes of this State.

Sec. 5. The local maintenance taxes heretofore voted by the qualified voters in any territory included within the independent school district hereby created are hereby validated and continued in such territory and the district hereby established until such time as a majority of the qualified tax paying voters of this district shall increase, diminish or abolish same as is required under the general statutes of this State.

Sec. 6. As the district hereby created will have to supplement its apportionment from the State and county school funds by local taxation in order to maintain its schools for the scholastic year beginning September, 1921, any tax voted, as provided by the general laws of this State, during the current year 1921, for the maintenance of the schools in the district hereby created shall be and hereby is made collectible for the current year 1921, and all subsequent years, and may be assessed, levied and collected on or before the 31st day of January after such election, and thereafter annually, as provided by the general laws of this State until the tax paying voters of this district shall increase, diminish or abolish same as is provided under the general statutes of this State.

Sec. 7. In case any of the provisions this act shall be held to be ineffective or unconstitutional, such action by

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the courts shall not invalidate the remaining parts of this act.

Sec. 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in so far as they conflict with this act. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Owen offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 93 by striking out all before the enacting clause and

substituting the following:

"An Act creating the LaGrange Independent School District in Fayette county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees; vesting title to all school property within said district in the trustees and their successors; charging said district with the payment of all indebtedness and the performance of all contracts of the schools included within the district; providing that the board of trustees heretofore elected and now serving for La-Grange Independent School District as now existing shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the espiration of their terms and their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes only under the general law; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance taxes heretofore voted by the voters in any territory included within the district hereby created until the voters in the district hereby created increase, diminish or abolish such taxes in accordance with the general statutes; providing that any tax authorized by general laws and voted during 1921 shall be collected for the year 1921 and subsequent years and may be assessed, levied and collected on or before Janusry 31, after such election, and annually thereafter as provided by general law, until changed by a vote of the district: providing that if any part of this act is held ineffective or unconstitutional the remaining parts of this act shall not be invalidated, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 93 was then passed to engrossment.

REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas, the request of the Senate for the return to the Senate of Senate bill No. 119 for further consideration was granted.

NOT PRINTED. ORDERED BILLS

On motion of Mr. Rosser, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 94, 95, 155, 245, and House bills Nos. 380, 471, 463, 464 and 466 be not printed.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Quinn gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up for consideration at that time House bill No. 120, which bill has heretofore been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 170 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 170, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Hebbronville Independent School District, Jim Hogg county, Texas, placing the said independent school district under the general statutes governing school districts incorporated for school purposes only, under the general laws of Texas: providing for a hoard of trustees therefor; providing for the assumption and refunding by the said Hebbronville Independent School District as herein defined of the bonded and other indebtedness of Common School District No. 1, of Jim Hogg county, Texas; providing for the payment by the Hebbronville Independent School District of the pro rata share of the bonded indebtedness of the Benavides Independent School District and validating said obligation; providing for commissioners to fix said pro rata share of said bonded indebtedness; and expenses of said commissioners; repealing all laws in so far as they might conflict herewith, and creating an emergeney.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 134, "An Act creating, establishing and providing for the maintenance of a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for ex-service men, and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 338, "An Act creating and incorporating the Lyford Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, including the town of Lyford; defining its boundaries; providing for a

board of trustees, and assuming all contracts, debts, including bonded indebtedness of Lyford Independent School District; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the General Laws of the State of Texas for free school purposes only, and de-

claring an emergency."
H. B. No. 277, "An Act creating the Tuscola Independent School District in county, Texas; defining its Taylor boundaries; providing for a board of said district; conferring trustees in upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency.

H. B. No. 82, "An Act to repeal Section 8. of Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which was 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county,' and which section provides that all citizens of Cass county between the age of twenty-one and fifty years shall be subject to road duty and are required each to pay four dollars per annum in lieu of all laws requiring road duty, and de-

claring an emergency."

H. B. No. 67, "An Act creating a special road law for Coryell county, Texas, making the commissioners for said county supervisors of the roads in their respective districts; prescribing their duties as such supervisors; prescribing how said roads and bridges shall be built and worked; providing for payment of overseers for overtime; providing that each commissioner's beat shall receive all the road and bridge funds paid by said beat; providing how and where said moneys shall be spent; providing for teams and tools, and providing ways for road hands to work on said road, and providing for substitutes; defining the duties of county treasurer and county clerks relative to said road law; providing for investigation by grand jury for violations of said law; fixing penalties for violation of said law; repealing all special laws in conflict herewith; making this law cumula-tive to the general road law, where same does not conflict, and providing where same conflicts with general road law that this special law shall supersede general laws, and providing for an emergency."

H. B. No. 62, "An Act authorizing the commissioners courts of Texas to fix the compensation of the tax assessors of their respective counties for assessing and making the tax rolls of that part of any improvement district lying within the city limits of cities having a population of more than 75,000 inhabitants, at a sum not to exceed the amount allowed by general law for like services in assessing State and county taxes, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 31, "An Act making it a misdemeanor for any person to ask, solicit, demand, charge or receive, directly or indirectly, from any other person, corporate or otherwise, any money, reward, favor, benefit, or other thing of value, or the promise of either as a consideration or inducement for procuring or effecting, or with the view, purpose or intent that such person may, can, or will, or may, can or will seek or undertake to, procure or effect any preference in the receipt, carriage, transportation, movement, placing, storing, handling, caring for or delivery of any freight, commodity, or article, or any railroad car or cars, by any common carrier, in State, or by any agent or employe of such common carrier, and prescribing a penalty therefor; defining the word 'preference' as used in this act, and declaring an emergency."

ADDRESS BY HON. I. B. REEVES.

Mr. Cummins offered the following resolution:

Since Hon. I. B. Reeves, who was a member of the Legislature many years, is present, and since many of the members of the present Legislature know him well: therefore be it

Resolved, That we invite the Hon. I. B. Reeves of Grayson county. Texas, to address the Legislature at this time.

Signed—Cummins, Westbrook, Curtis, McKean.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Cummins, Mr. Westbrook and Mr. Sneed to escort Mr. Reeves to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, the Speaker presented Mr. Cummins, who introduced Mr. Reeves to the House.

Mr. Reeves then addressed the House. Lackey.

HOUSE BILL NO. 241 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Childers, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

reading and final passage,
H. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to repeal Chapter 60 of the
Local and Special Laws of the Regular
Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature,
approved March 13, 1919, creating a
special road system for Falls county,
and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-105.

Adams. Laird. Lauderdale. Aiken. Baldwin. Lawrence. Lindsey. Barker. Barrett of Bell. Looney. Barrett of Fannin. McDaniel. McFarlane. Beavens. McKean. Binkley. Black, O. B., of Bexar. McLeod. Malone. Branch. Martin. Marshall. Brown. Bryant. Mathes. Melson. Burmeister. Burns. Menking. Merriman. Carpenter. Childers. Miller of Dallas. Miller of Parker. Coffee. Cox. Morgan. Crawford. Morris of Medina. Morris Crumpton. ${\tt Cummins.}$ of Montague. Mott. Davis, John, of Dallas. Neblett. Dinkle. Owen. Duffey. Patman. Duncan. Perkins Edwards. of Cherokee. Perry. Estes. Faubion. Pollard. Pool. Fly. Pope. Fugler. Quaid. Garrett. Quicksall. Greer. Quinn. Hanna. Rice. Hardin. Rogers of Harris. Harrison. Rogers of Shelby. Henderson of McLennan. Rosser. Henderson Rountree. Rowland. of Marion. Satter white. Hill. Sims. Jones. Kacir. Smith. Sneed. Kellis. Stephens.

Veatch. Stevenson. Stewart Wadley. Walker. of Edwards. Wallace. Stewart of Reeves. Webb. Sweet of Brown. Sweet of Tarrant. Wessels. Thomas West. of Limestone. Westbrook. Thomason. Williams of McLennan. Thompson Williams of Harris. Thorn. of Montgomery. Thrasher.

Absent.

Bass. Hendricks. Beasley Horton. of Hopkins. Johnson of Ellis. Beasley Johnson of McCulloch. of Wichita. Black, W. A., King. of Bexar. Kveton. Bonham. Laney. Burkett. Moore. Chitwood. Schweppe. Curtis. Shearer. Davis, John E., Thompson of Dallas. of Red River. Hall.

Absent-Excused.

Baker. Leslie. McCord. Brady. Perkins of Lamar. Darroch. Grissom. Seagler. Harrington. Swann. Johnson Teer. of Gillespie. Wright.

SENATE BILL NO. 138 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Leaky Independent School District in Real county, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; vesting it with all the rights, powers and duties of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 139 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 139, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 21 of Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, passed Act to incorporate Cam City Independ-

ent School District, in Gillespie county, Texas, providing for the exercise of all powers and privileges incident and belonging to independent school districts. and declaring an emergency'; repealing said (napter 21, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and

was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 151 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 8, Special Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, enacted at its Fourth Called Session, redefining the boundaries of the Eagle Lake Independent School District; the said amendment providing for redefining the boundaries of said district, and providing for the extension of said district and the annexation of adjacent territory thereto, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and

was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 158 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 158, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Yorktown Independent School District in DeWitt county, Texas, containing the present Yorktown Independent School District and additional territory described in the field notes herein; providing that the school property be vested in such independent school district and that it assume all outstanding obligations of the school district in the district created by this act; providing for a board of trustees for said district, defining their powers and duties; defining the boundaries of said district, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 176 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Falfurrias Indeat its Regular Session in 1919, being 'An | pendent School District in Brooks county, Texas; defining its boundaries; pro-

viding for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts, and the boards of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 194 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 194, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 20 of Chapter 68 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirtysixth Legislature at its Regular Session, by providing that the board of trustees of Pharr-San Juan Independent School District may employ an attorney to represent the said district in the enforcement of its lien for taxes; providing compensation for such services to such attorney; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 245 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 245, A hill to be entitled "An Act creating the Palestine Inde-pendent School District in Anderson county, Texas; making its boundaries co-extensive with the city of Palestine; providing for a board of trustees; vesting title to all school property within said district in the trustees and their successors; providing that the present board of trustees of the Palestine public schools be the board of trustees for this district, and the terms of office of said trustees shall expire as heretofore, and their successors have been elected and qualified; authorizing the board of trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by the general laws upon trustees, and all such powers as heretofore possessed by the board of school trustees of the city of Palestine; giving to said district all the rights, Barrett of Bell. Binkley. powers, privileges and duties of a town Barrett of Fannin. Bonham.

or village incorporated for free school purposes only; and vesting in said board of trustees of said district all such powers, rights, privileges and duties given or imposed by general law upon the trustees of independent school districts; and all such powers that are now vested in the city council of Palestine, in so far as they relate to, or concern, the public free schools, and also such powers as are, or may be, vested in the governing body of any city in this State incorporated under the general laws, in so far as same relates to the public free schools; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance tax heretofore voted in said city of Palestine until the voters in this district shall increase. diminish or abolish said tax; providing that any tax provided by general law and voted during 1921 shall be collected for 1921 and subsequent years, and may be levied, assessed and collected on or before January 31, after such election, and annually thereafter, as provided by general law, until changed by a vote of the district; providing that if any part of this act is held ineffective or unconstitutional, the remaining parts shall not be invalidated, and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emer-

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 324 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Sweet of Tarrant, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 324, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Polytechnic Heights Independents School District No. 42 of Tarrant county to levy and collect taxes, for issuance of bonds to the amount not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, declaring an emergency, and the repeal of all laws conflicting with any part of this act."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-111.

Adams. Bass. Aiken. Beasley of Hopkins. Baldwin. Barker. Beavens.

Merriman. Black, O. B., Miller of Dalias. of Bexar. Miller of Parker. Black, W. A., Morgan. of Bexar. Morris of Medina. Branch. Brown. Morris of Montague. Bryant. Burmeister. Mott. Neblett. Burns. Carpenter. Owen. Childers. Perkins of Cherokee. Chitwood. Perry. Coffee. Pollard. Cox. Crumpton. Pool. Cummins. Pope. Davis, John E., Quaid. of Dallas. Quicksall. Quinn. Davis, John, of Dallas. Rice. Dinkle. Rogers of Harris. Rogers of Shelby. Duffey. Duncan. Rosser. Edwards. Rountree. Estes. Rowland. Faubion. Satterwhite. Fly. Shearer. Smith. Fugler. Sneed. Garrett. Greer. Stephens. Hanna. Stevenson. Hardin. Stewart of Edwards. Harrison. Henderson Stewart of Reeves. Sweet of Brown. Sweet of Tarrant. of McLennan. Henderson of Marion. Thomas Hill. of Limestone. Thomason. Jones. Kacir. Thompson Kellis. of Harris. Lackey. Thompson Laird. of Red River. Thorn. Lauderdale. Lawrence. Thrasher. Lindsey. Veatch. Looney. Wadley. McDaniel. Walker. Wallace. McFarlane. McKean. Wessels. West. McLeod. Malone. ${f Westbrook}.$ Martin. Williams Marshall. of McLennan. Mathes. \mathbf{W} illiams Melson. of Montgomery

Absent.

Wright.

Beasley
of McCulloch.
Curtis.
Hall.
Hendricks.
Horton.
Johnson of Ellis.

Johnson
of Wichita.
King.
Kveton.
Laney.
Moore.
Patman.

Menking.

Schweppe. Webb.
Sims.
Absent—Excused.

Baker.
Brady.
Burkett.
Crawford.
Darroch.
Grissom.
Harrington.

Johnson
of Gillespie.
Leslie.
McCord.
Perkins of Lamar.
Seagler.
Swann.
Teer.

SENATE BILL NO. 95 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading.

S. B. No. 95. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section — of Chapter S1 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Regular Session, so as to redefine with greater certainty the territory within the Donna Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 155 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 155, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Laneville Independent School District of Rusk county; defining its boundaries; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 94 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Weslaco Independent School District in Hidalgo county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds

heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization for said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 344 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 344, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bee county, Texas; making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such; providing for their compensation as such road commissioners, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and providing that said county court can take materials adjacent to or accessible to public roads for the construction thereof, and providing for payment thereof; providing that the commissioners court shall expend money upon the roads, bridges and improvements therein in the different commissioners precincts outside of the corporate limits of any city or town in proportion to the amounts of money paid into the county from such different precincts; providing for the employment of one or more competent surveyors or engineers to supervise road work; fixing their salary, and providing for payment thereof; providing for a consulting engineer and his salary; providing that said court may adopt such system for working, laying out, draining and repairing of the public roads of the county as it may deem best; further providing for the purchase of teams, tools and machinery for working said roads, and for contracting for construction of roads and bridges; providing a method of securing bids for such contracts; further providing that said Bee county, or any political subdivision thereof, may purchase any road building material or machinery; declaring certain roads and highways to be public roads; classifying all public roads; requiring the classification of the roads to be recorded in the minutes of the commissioners court; providing for the protection of trees along public roads, and for signboards; providing that the court shall have the authority to pay neces-

sary traveling expenses of the county judge or any of the members of the court, when sent by the court out of the county on official business; providing for exemptions from road duty to certain persons; providing that certain persons shall be liable to road duty and providing a method of enforcing work on the road, and providing a penalty for failure to perform the labor required hereunder; further providing that the commissioners court may require all ablebodied male convicts not otherwise employed to labor on the public roads at such time and under such regulations as may be deemed proper, and for commutation as a reward for faithful service and good behavior, in no case to exceed one-fourth of the time required to satisfy his fine and cost, and one dollar per day for each day he labors; further providing that if a convict satisfies his fine in full the commissioners court shall pay a certain portion thereof to the officers and witnesses entitled to receive it out of the road and bridge fund upon the order of the court, and if a convict dies or escapes, the amount worked out shall be prorated on the fine, and to the officers and witnesses; and further providing that this act shall be taken notice of by the courts of this State, but shall be construed to be cumulative of the general laws of the State on the subject of roads and bridges when not in conflict therewith, but in case of. such conflict, this act shall control as to Bee county; defining what the term 'roads' shall include, defining the term 'work,' repealing all other special road laws heretofore passed for the benefit of Bee county, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 336 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 336, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 72 of the Local and Special Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, creating the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District in Dallam and Hartley counties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Owen offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 336 by strik-

inserting the following:

Section 1. That an act approved June 7, A. D. 1920, entitled "An Act creating the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District in Dallam and Hartley counties, Texas, consolidating and incorporating in said independent school district the territory included in the present Dalhart Independent School District, Telshowe Common School District No. 10 and Chamberlain Common School District No. 12; defining its boundaries, vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only, under the general law; providing for a board of trustees thereof; making provision for taxation for school purposes in said district," be and the same is hereby amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

Sec. 2. There is hereby created and established in Dallam and Hartley counties, Texas, an incorporation for free school purposes only, under the name of and to be known as the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District; said independent school district so created and established consisting of a part of the territory heretofore known as the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District in Dallam and Hartley counties, Texas, which said Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District shall hereafter include within its limits the following described territory, towit:

Beginning at a point on the S. W. boundary line of Section 555, Block No. I, Brooks and Burleson, grantee, in Dallam county, Texas, 950 vrs. south from its N. W. corner; thence south 5 miles to a point in the east boundary line of Section 56, Block 48, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., grantee, in Hartley county, Texas, 950 yrs. north from its S. E. corner; thence west 5 miles to a point in the west boundary line of Section 60, Block 48, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., grantee, in Hartley county, Texas, 950 vrs. north from its S. W. corner; thence north 5 miles to a point in Capital league No. 114, 900 vrs. east and 2850 vrs. north from its S. W. corner: thence east 5 miles to place of beginning.

Sec. 3. The said Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District shall have and exercise, and is hereby vested with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under

ing out all after the enacting clause and | vested and charged with all the rights, powers, privileges, and duties conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State upon trustees of independent school districts created and organized for school purposes only under the general laws of this State. Among the rights, powers and privileges and duties herein mentioned shall be the rights and power of levying taxes for the issuance of bonds and erection of schoolhouses, and for purchasing sites and equipment therefor, and for the maintenance of the public schools in said district, as are provided under the general laws for the levying and collecting of taxes for the purposes in towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only; provided, that the school tax prior to September 25, A. D. 1920, voted and levied in said Dalhart Independent School District, and in what is now the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District as described by metes and bounds under this act, shall continue to be levied and collected in the territory known and described as the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District under this act until otherwise ordered or changed by law; the tax prior to Sectember 25, 1920, voted in the Dalhart Independent School District, as such Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District is defined and described by this act, shall continue to be levied, assessed and collected in said district, until abrogated, as provided by law.

> Sec. 4. That the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District is hereby divested of the control of the public free schools within the limits of the Telshowe Common School District No. 10 and Chamberlain Common School District No. 12, as they existed prior to June 7, A. D. 1920, and the seven trustees appointed by this act shall constitute a board of trustees of the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District hereby created.

> Sec. 5. The control and management of the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District is hereby vested in a board of seven trustees, as above provided, viz:

> C. H. Walker, Frank M. Tatum, Roy W. Thompson, R. U. Counts, Frank B. Farwell, George E. Walker, F. E. Thomas and their successors in office.

Sec. 6. Said trustees shall organize the general laws of the State of Texas as soon after this act takes effect as for free school purposes only; and the may be practicable, by electing from board of trustees for the said Dalhart their number a president, vice president Consolidated Independent School District and secretary, and may also elect or shall have and exercise, and is hereby appoint such other officers and employes

as they may deem necessary, who may or be declared invalid, the remaining pormay not be members of said board, and tions thereof, being otherwise valid, may, if said board elects so to do, prosshall not be declared illegal. vide for the assessment and collection | Sec. 12. The fact that the educational of taxes by its own assessor and col-facilities of the territory constituting lector, otherwise said school taxes shall the Dalhart Consolidated Independent be assessed and collected as provided by the general law, by the county assessor and collector of taxes.

seven (7) trustees above named shall provide such school buildings and adebe divided into two (2) divisions, as follows: The first three named to serve until the general election of trustees for independent school districts, held as provided by law, in the year 1921, and the last four named trustees to serve until the general election of trustees, as provided by law, in the year 1922, and until their successors shall be elected, and shall qualify.

Sec. 8. Absolute title to moneys and property in whomsoever vested and held, which by right belong to the use of the public free schools of the territory herein described as being within the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District, from whatsoever source derived and in whom-soever the title thereof shall be vested, shall, upon their election and qualification, as herein provided, vest in the board of trustees above named, and their successors in office; provided, that the trustees and all other persons whosoever may have the title or possession of or to any property or money which belonged to the Telshowe Common School District No. 10 and the Chamberlain Common School District No. 12 aforesaid, are hereby divested of the title to said money and other property which was taken therefrom by said act approved June 7, 1920, and same is hereby vested in the person or persons who were entitled thereto prior to the 7th day of June, A. D. 1920, to be held in trust for the district or persons entitled, or who may become entitled thereto, and their successors in office.

Sec. 9. All indebtedness created by the Dalhart Independent School District and the Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District as heretofore existing within the territory constituting said district as heretofore existing, shall continue to be the indebtedness of said Dalhart Consolidated Independent School District as defined by this act for payment of said indebtedness.

Sec. 10. All laws in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed, in so far as they conflict with this act.

Sec. 11. Should any part of this act

School District as same was created by said act approved June 7, A. D. 1920, are insufficient for want of adequate The term of office of the school buildings and sufficient funds to quate schools, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity necessitating the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and the same is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the amendment was tabled.

House bill No. 336 was then passed to engrossment.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Bonham, it was ordered that House bill No. 491 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 301 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 301, A hill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Hale Center Independent School District in Hale county, Texas; defining its boundaries; vesting the title to all school property within its boundaries in said Hale Center Independent School District and its board of trustees; fixing liability for all debts and contracts of such school; vesting the control of the public schools within said district in a board of seven trustees; continuing in office the board of trustees of the present Hale Center Independent School District until the expiration of their terms of office; abolishing all other boards of trustees; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all rights, powers, privileges and duties as are conferred by the general laws upon independent school districts created for school purposes only under the general law; providing that local maintenance taxes and bonds voted by the qualified voters of Hale Center Independent School District and other districts included within the district hereby created are hereby continued in full force and effect; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization; providing

that said independent school district shall be liable for its pro rata part of any outstanding bonded indebtedness upon a part of any territory taken from any other school district; providing for transportation of school children; providing this act to be cumulative of general law now in force or hereafter to be enacted governing independent school districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 390 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 390, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Saint Jo Independent School District in Montague county, Texas, out of the territory county, Texas, out of the territory known as the Saint Jo Independent School District in said county; defining its boundaries and providing for the election of trustees therefor, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes; conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers: providing authority to issue bonds for the purposes of purchasing school building sites, and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the said district; to levy taxes therefor, and to pay current expenses for the support and maintenance of said schools; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of said board of trustees, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 396 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 396, A hill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15. Chapter 9, of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas, the same being 'An Act to create a special road law for Red River county; providing in said amendment that the county surveyor of Red River county, Texas, shall be ex-officio county road superintendent of said county, and requiring a bond."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 409 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 409, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Angelina county; making commissioners ex-officio road countycommissioners; requiring additional bonds: providing for the improvement and building of roads and bridges by contract; providing that funds be used in precinct where collected; providing hours for labor; providing for the working of county convicts on the roads; prescribing the duties of road overseers; providing for the payment of a specified sum of money in lieu of road work; providing a penalty for overseers who fail or refuse to perform their duties under this law; providing a penalty for road hands who fail or refuse summons to do good road work; providing for reports by road overscers; providing for the condemnation of land for road purposes; providing for compensation of county commissioners when acting as road commissioners; providing for the issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes and for levying taxes after an election favoring same; providing for the levying and collecting of a special road and bridge tax; providing for the work of a road by either road service or taxation, or both; providing that the road overseer may collect from the road hands and requiring that th money be used on roads where collected, and providing a penalty for failure of such overseer to comply with the provisions of this act; providing that the provisions of this act shall be cumulative of all general laws on the subject of roads and bridges; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Fly offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill Nc. 409, Section 8, line 3. by striking out the words and figures "the sum of \$7.50 (seven dollars and fifty cents)," and insert in lieu thereof the words "such sums as may be fixed by the general statutes."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 409, Section 8, line 8, by striking out "seven dollars and fifty cents" and insert in lieu thereof "such sum."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 409, Section 8, line 11, by inserting between the words "dollars and for," "or such sum as may be fixed by general statutes."

(4)

Amend House bill No. 409, Section 10, line 5, by striking out the words and figures "one dollar" and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "two dollars, or such sum as fixed by general statutes," per day each day summoned to work.

(5)

Amend House bill No. 409, Section 10, line 2, by striking out the word "intentionally" and insert in lieu thereof the word "willfully."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 409 was then passed to engrossment.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1921. Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has reconsidered the vote by which it refused to pass House bill No. 34, and has requested its return to the Senate.

Respectfully,
A. W. HOLT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 424 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 424, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Woodville Independent School District in Tyler county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; providing for the election of trustees, for the raising of revenues, issuing of bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid the local maintenance tax heretofore voted and now in effect in the territory in-

cluded in the school district hereby created, repealing all laws in so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 463 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 463, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 39, Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, approved June 17, 1920, creating the Lorenzo Independent School District in Crosby and Lubbock counties, by adding thereto after Section 15 thereof a new Section 15a, providing that said Lorenzo Independent School District shall assume any and all outstanding indebtedness and bonds and interest thereon existing at the time of the incorporation of said district, created by Lorenzo County Line Common School District No. 2; making all such indebtedness binding and valid obligation of the Lorenzo Independent School District; validating all acts of the board of trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District in making payments either of principal or interest on any such indebtedness, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 464 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 464, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Cone Independent School District in Crosby county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing said board to levy. assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and board of equalization; providing for the Cone Independent School District shall assume and discharge all valid outstanding bonds, obligations and indebtedness of Cone Common School District No. 5 in Crosby county; validating and continuing in force all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in said Common School District

No. 5; providing that title to all property now vested in Cone Common School this act vest in Cone Independent School District as herein created; providing for filling vacancies in the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees of said district shall in all things be governed by the general laws of Texas relating to independent school districts in matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; praviding invalidation by the courts of any provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining portion or provision, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 466 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 466. A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and redefine the Rugby Common School District No. 40 of Red River county, Texas; to validate election heretofore held in said district for local taxes for the further maintenance of public free schools in said district; to validate election heretofore held in said district for the issuance of schoolhouse bonds in said district; to authorize the Attorney General of Texas to be governed by the metes and bounds as defined in this act in passing on the bond record made by virtue of said election for the issuance of said schoolhouse bonds; providing that said Rugby Common School District No. 40 in Red River county, Texas, shall be under the general laws of Texas with respect to common school districts when not in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 471 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 471, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Highland Inde-pendent School District in Cameron county, Texas, and defining its boundaries: providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor; providing for the secretary, treasurer, assessor and collector of taxes and all other necessary officers and committees, and

prescribing their qualifications; investing said district with all the rights, District No. 5 shall on the passage of powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated under the general laws of the State for free school purposes only; prescribing the maximum rates of taxattion within a specified limit of time, and declaring an emergency." The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 132 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 85 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide the mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in subdivisions of Harris county, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith. and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 432 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Cox, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 139 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by Regular Session, and amended by the Thirty-sixth Legislature at its Second Called Session. Chapter 5, page 24, of the General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature; changing the time of holding court in the various counties of the Forty-second Judicial District of Texas; abolishing the criminal jurisdiction of said district court in Stephens county and conferring said criminal jurisdiction upon the district court of the Ninetieth Judicial District of Texas; abolishing the office of assistant district attorney for Stephens county in the district courts of the Forty-second Judicial District and creating the office of district attorney in the district court of said Ninetieth Judicial District of Texas and providing that the district attorney of said district court for said Ninetieth Judicial District shall draw the same salary as now being drawn by said assistant district attorney; validating all process, writs and bonds issued or executed prior to the taking effect of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

NOTICES GIVEN.

Mr. West gave notice that on tomorrow he would call up for consideration at that time House bill No. 30, which bill has heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Rogers of Harris gave notice that on tomorrow he would call up for consideration at that time House bill No. 51, which bill has heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the request of the Senate for the return of House bill No. 34 was granted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 317 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Scurry county to validate the sale of a certain block of land in the town of Snyder in this State, known as Block 25, and shown on the recorded plat of the original town of Snyder in Scurry county of record in Book 1, at page 358, of the deed records of said county; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to execute a deed of confirmation, without the necessity of public advertisement and public sale, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 327 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 327, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its Regular Session, to fix the time for holding the terms of the district court in the various counties composing the Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

RECESS.

Mr. Thompson of Harris moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Quinn moved that the House recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Thompson of Harris prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:40 o'clock p. m., took recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees filed favorable reports today on bills, as follows:

Education: House bills Nos. 485, 484, Senate bills Nos. 94, 95, 155, 245, 471.

Municipal and Private Corporations: House bill No. 489.

Judicial Districts: House bills Nos. 468, 418, 328, Senate bill No. 88.

State Affairs: House bills Nos. 45, 78.

Constitutional Amendments: House joint resolutions Nos. 13, 5.

The following standing committees filed adverse reports today on bills, as follows:

Common Carriers: House bill No. 442

Constitutional Amendments: House joint resolution No. 16.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-ROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 338, "An Act creating and incorporating the Lyford Independent School District in Cameron county, Texas, including the town of Lyford; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees, and assuming all contracts, debts, including bonded indebtedness of Lyford Independent School District; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the general laws of the State of Texas for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this

day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval. FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin. Texas, February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 62, "An Act authorizing the commissioners courts of Texas to fix the compensation of the tax assessors of their respective counties for assessing and making the tax rolls of that part of any levee improvement district lying within the city limits of cities having a population of more than 75,000 inhabitants at a sum not to exceed the amount allowed by general law for like services in assessing State and county taxes, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas. February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 82, "An Act to repeal Section 8, of Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws passed at the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which was 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county,' and which section provides that all citizens of Cass county between the age of twenty-one and fifty years shall be subject to road duty and are required each to pay four dollars per annum in lieu of all laws requiring road duty, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas. February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 277, "An Act creating the

Tuscola Independent School District in Taylor county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its boards of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; declaring that all taxes or bonds heretofore authorized by any former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, February 16, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 31, "An Act making it a misdemeanor for any person to ask, solicit, demand, charge or receive, directly or indirectly, from any other person, corporate or otherwise, any money, reward, favor, benefit, or other thing of value, or the promise of either, as a consideration or inducement for procuring or effecting, or with the view, purpose or intent that such person may, can or will, or may can or will seek or undertake to, procure or effect any preference in the receipt, carriage, transportation, movement, placing, storing, handling, caring for or delivery of any freight, commodity, or article, or any railroad car or cars, by any common carrier in this State, or by any agent or employe of such common carrier, and prescribing a penalty therefor; defining the word 'preference' as used in this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1921.

Hon. Charles G. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 67, "An Act creating a special road law for Coryell county, Texas; making the commissioners for said county supervisors of the roads in their respective districts; prescribing their duties as such supervisors; prescribing how said roads and bridges shall be built and worked; providing for payment of overseers for overtime; providing that each commissioner's beat shall receive all the road and bridge funds paid by said beat; providing how and where said moneys shall be spent; providing for teams and tools, and providing ways for road hands to work on said road, and providing for substitutes; defining the duties of county treasurer and county clerks relative to said road law; providing for investigation by grand jury for violations of said law; fixing penalties for violation of said law; repealing all special laws in conflict herewith; making this law cumulative to the general road law, where same does not conflict, and providing where same conflicts with general road law that this special law shall supersede general laws, and providing for an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

FAUBION, Chairman.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Friday, February 18, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 266 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 6, of the Special Laws of Texas passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature at page 39 thereof, approved August 30, 1917, being an act creating the Alanreed Independent School District in Gray county, Texas, giving the board of trustees the power to select and designate the depository for said school district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time. McDanie.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, McKean.

and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-108.

Aiken. McLeod. Barker. Martin. Barrett of Bell. Marshall. Barrett of Fannin. Mathes. Melson. Beasley Menking. of Hopkins. Merriman. Beasley Miller of Dallas. of McCulloch. Miller of Parker. Black, O. B., Morgan. of Bexar. Moore. Black, W. A., Morris of Medina. of Bexar. Morris Bonham. of Montague. Mott. Branch. Bryant. Neblett. Burmeister. Owen. Burns. Patman. Carpenter. Perkins Childers. of Cherokee. Perry. Coffee. Pollard. Crawford. Crumpton. Pope. Cummins. Quaid. Quicksall. Quinn. Rice. Curtis. Davis, John E., of Dallas. Davis, John, Rogers of Harris. of Dallas. Rogers of Shelby. Dinkle. Rosser. Duffey. Rountree. Duncan. Rowland. Edwards. Satterwhite. Estes. Shearer. Faubion. Sims. Fly. Smith. Fugler. Sneed. Garrett. Stephens. Hall. Stevenson. Hanna. Stewart Hardin. of Edwards. Henderson Stewart of Reeves of McLennan. Sweet of Tarrant. Henderson Thomas of Marion. of Limestone. Hendricks. Thomason. Thompson Hill. Horton. of Red River. Thorn. Johnson of Wichita. Thrasher. Jones. Veatch. Wadley. Kacir. Kellis. Walker. King. Wallace. Webb. Kveton. Wessels. Laird. Lauderdale. West. Westbrook. Lawrence. Williams Lindsey. of Montgomery. Looney. McDaniel. Wright.